

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13, 15, 17-45, 48-60, 62-103, and 105-149 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 14, 16, 46, 47, 61, and 104 have been canceled; claims 1, 15, 17, 18, 34, 43, 44, 48, 49, 58, 62, 101, 105, 144, and 145 have been amended; and claims 146-149 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Claims

In Section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 43 and 44 because of informalities. Claims 43 and 44 have been amended, thereby obviating these objections. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these objections be withdrawn.

§102 Rejection of Claims 1-9, 11-13, 32-41, 43-45, 58-70, 72-76, 101-113, 115-119, & 144-145

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-9, 11-13, 32-41, 43-45, 58-70, 72-76, 101-113, 115-119, and 144-145 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Reams (U.S. Patent 5,907,793). Independent claims 1, 34, 58, 101, 144, and 145 have been amended as shown above.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 16 and intervening claim 14.

Independent claim 34 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 47 and intervening claim 46.

Independent claim 58 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 61 (*i.e.*, temporarily storing the received additional information) and an additional limitation of storing the acquiring information disposed in the additional information into a main storage. This additional limitation is disclosed on page 36, line 18 to page 37, line 8 of the Specification. It appears that Reams fails to teach or suggest this additional limitation.

Independent claim 101 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 104 (*i.e.*, temporarily storing the received additional information) and the limitation of storing the acquiring information disposed in the additional information into a main storage.

Independent claims 144 and 145 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 61 and 104 (*i.e.*, temporarily storing the received additional information), respectively, and the limitation of storing the acquiring information disposed in the additional information into a main storage.

Claims 2-9, 11-13, and 32-33 depend from independent claim 1.

Claims 35-41 and 43-45 depend from independent claim 34.

Claims 59-60, 62-70, and 72-76 depend from independent claim 58.

Claims 102-103, 105-113, and 115-119 depend from independent claim 101.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-9, 11-13, 32-41, 43-45, 58-60, 62-70, 72-76, 101-103, 105-113, 115-119, and 144-145 are not anticipated by the teachings of Reams. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-9, 11-13, 32-41, 43-45, 58-70, 72-76, 101-113, 115-119, and 144-145 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

§103 Rejection of Claims 14, 15, 46, 82, and 125

In Section 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 14, 15, 46, 82, and 125 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reams.

Claims 14 and 46 have been canceled. Claim 15 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1, which has been rewritten to include the limitations of allowable claim 16 and intervening claim 14. Claim 82 depends from amended claim 58, which has been amended to include the limitations of claim 61 (*i.e.*, temporarily storing the received additional information) and an additional limitation of storing the acquiring information disposed in the additional information into a main storage. It appears that Reams fails to teach or suggest this additional limitation. Claim 125 depends from amended claim 101, which has been amended to include the limitations of claim 104 (*i.e.*, temporarily storing the received additional information) and the limitation of storing the acquiring information disposed in the additional information into a main storage.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 14, 15, 46, 82, and 125 are not rendered obvious by the teachings of Reams. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 14, 15, 46, 82, and 125 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter of Claims 10, 16-31, 42, 47-57, 71, 77-81, 83-100, 114, 120-124, and 126-143

It is appreciatively noted that, in Section 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 16-31, 42, 47-57, 71, 77-81, 83-100, 114, 120-124, and 126-143 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim.

Newly-added claims 146-149

Claim 146 includes the limitations of claim 1 and allowable claim 10.

Claim 147 includes the limitations of claim 34 and allowable claim 42.

Claim 148 includes the limitations of claim 58 and allowable claim 71.

Claim 149 includes the limitations of claim 101 and allowable claim 114.

Therefore newly-added claims 146-149 should be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-13, 15, 17-45, 48-60, 62-103, and 105-149 are respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes that have been made to these claims were not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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